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Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Liberia

Other matters

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1598th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	38th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/61/250/Add.1) [7]

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/204) [108]

   Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [108 and (a) to (t)]: *joint debate*

   (a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

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Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 26 October 2006, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 20 October 2006, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement *to no more than four minutes*.

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(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization: draft resolution (A/61/L.5)

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/61/L.4)

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/61/L.7)

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/61/L.6)

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/185)

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/184)

(t) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183, A/61/190 and A/C.1/61/L.46); *item 84* (A/C.1/61/L.22); *item 85* (A/61/161 and A/C.1/61/L.35); *item 86* (A/C.1/61/L.50); *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I), A/61/140 (Part II) and A/C.1/61/L.1); *item 88* (A/C.1/61/L.45); *item 89* (A/C.1/61/L.10); *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/127/Add.1, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/159/Add.1, A/61/159/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/C.1/61/5, A/C.1/61/7, A/C.1/61/L.3, A/C.1/61/L.4, A/C.1/61/L.5, A/C.1/61/L.6, A/C.1/61/L.7, A/C.1/61/L.8, A/C.1/61/L.13, A/C.1/61/L.15, A/C.1/61/L.16, A/C.1/61/L.17, A/C.1/61/L.19, A/C.1/61/L.20, A/C.1/61/L.21*, A/C.1/61/L.23, A/C.1/61/L.25, A/C.1/61/L.26, A/C.1/61/L.30, A/C.1/61/L.32*, A/C.1/61/L.34, A/C.1/61/L.36, A/C.1/61/L.37, A/C.1/61/L.38, A/C.1/61/L.39, A/C.1/61/L.40, A/C.1/61/L.41, A/C.1/61/L.42, A/C.1/61/L.43, A/C.1/61/L.44, A/C.1/61/L.47, A/C.1/61/L.49, A/C.1/61/L.52, A/C.1/61/L.53, A/C.1/61/L.54, A/C.1/61/L.55, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293, A/61/344-S/2006/741 and A/61/520); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215, A/61/365, A/C.1/61/L.9, A/C.1/61/L.12, A/C.1/61/L.14, A/C.1/61/L.24, A/C.1/61/L.28, A/C.1/61/L.31, A/C.1/61/L.33 and A/C.1/61/L.51); *item 92* (A/61/180, A/61/297, A/C.1/61/L.11, A/C.1/61/L.27 and A/C.1/61/L.29); *item 93* (A/61/160 (Part II), A/C.1/61/L.2 and A/61/140 (Part II)); *item 94* (A/C.1/61/L.18); *item 95* (A/61/123 and A/C.1/61/L.34); *item 96* (A/61/134, A/61/184 and A/C.1/61/L.48); and *item 97* (A/C.1/61/L.27)

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2, A/C.1/61/3, A/C.1/61/4, A/C.1/61/5, A/C.1/61/6, A/C.1/61/7 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [33]

General debate

[*Note*: The Committee will take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.2/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.3/Rev.1 submitted under agenda item 30 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space), on Monday, 23 October, at 10 a.m.]

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 17th meeting

Conference Room

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan ov their natural resources (A/61/67-E/2006/13) [4

Introduction and general discussion

Globalization and interdependence (A/61/486) [5

(a) Globalization and interdependence (A/61/286)

(b) International migration and development (A/60/871, A/61/187, A/61/73, A/61/91, A/61/170, A/61/230, A/61/315, A/61/316, A/61/321, A/61/343, A/61/345, A/61/346, A/61/506, A/61/515 and A/C.2/61/2)

(c) Culture and development (A/61/86, A/61/321 and A/61/378-S/2006/761)

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (A/61/177)

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/61/269, A/61/93, A/61/126 and A/61/181)

Continuation of general discussion

3–5 p.m.

Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on the theme "Issues in scaling-up of development aid flows"

Panellists:

Mr. Louis Kasekende, Chief Economist, African Development Bank

Mr. Elliot Harris, Advisor, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund

Ms. Nora Lustig, Director, Poverty Group, Bureau of Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme

Lead discussant:

Ms. Benu Schneider, Chief of Debt, Finance and Systemic Issues Unit, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Moderator:

Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protections of human rights (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/61/211, A/61/267, A/61/281, A/61/287, A/61/289, A/61/306, A/61/311, A/61/312, A/61/324, A/61/325, A/61/338, A/61/340, A/61/348, A/61/352, A/61/353, A/61/384, A/61/464, A/61/465, A/61/476 , A/61/506 and A/61/513[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349, A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489, A/61/504 and A/61/526[1])

Introductory statements by, and dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

3–6 p.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/61/211, A/61/267, A/61/281, A/61/287, A/61/289, A/61/306, A/61/311, A/61/312, A/61/324, A/61/325, A/61/338, A/61/340, A/61/348, A/61/352, A/61/353, A/61/384, A/61/464, A/61/465, A/61/476 , A/61/506 and A/61/513[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349, A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489, A/61/504 and A/61/526[1])

Introductory statements by, and dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

[*Note*: The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

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[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/61/34 and A/60/659)); and 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Identification of additional resources for the Development Account (A/61/282 and A/61/479))	
3–5 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda items 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/61/32, A/61/129, A/61/129/Add.1, A/61/300 and A/61/499))	
5–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 133 (Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (A/60/612, A/61/309 and A/61/485))	

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon		Conference Room 6
	Informal briefing by the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)	
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
	Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)	

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive session on human resources management	

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, convened by Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu Aguirre (Mexico), *today*, 20 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D

Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Friday, 20 October 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution on the arms trade treaty (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United Kingdom)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Declaration of the Fourth Disarmament Decade (2008-2018), under agenda item 90 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sierra Leone)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations of the subscribing States to the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation, under agenda item 90 (l) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

3–4.30 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

Other meetings

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Friday, 20 October 2006

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
2–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on international trade and development)

9–11 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on globalization and interdepedence)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)

1–2 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on international migration and development)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on remitttances)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Southern African Development Community (SADC)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to update Member States of the Commission on the work of ECE in the context of the changing needs and development priorities in the region

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Friday, 20 October 2006

Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice to State members of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

At 3 p.m. in Conference Room D

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

Friday, 20 October 2006

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon	Mr. Rogelio Pfirter, Director-General, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
Afternoon[1]	H.E. Ms. Michèle Alliot-Marie, Defense Minister of France

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the noon briefing.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International Financial System and Development)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia) under agenda 55 (b) (International Migration and Development)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 1 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the theme, "Innovative finance to combat climate change" on Monday, 23 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Panellists include Prof. Robert N. Stavins, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and Prof. Jagdish N. Bhagwati, Economics Department, Columbia University.

The event, organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, DESA, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 23 October 2006 (agenda item 67):

10 a.m.

Mr. Philip Alston (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions); Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders); Mr. Manfred Nowak (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment)

3 p.m.

Mr. Walter Kälin (Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Leandro Despouy (Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006 (agenda item 67):

10 a.m.

Mr. Martin Scheinin (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism); Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences) – Oral report; Mr. Bernards Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho (Independent Expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights)

3 p.m.

Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Akich Okola (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi)

Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):

10 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 9th meeting on Monday, 23 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 9th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee will be held on Monday, 23 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to begin its consideration of agenda item 78 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for agenda item 78 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)).

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 231st meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Monday, 30 October 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with a view to considering and adopting the draft report.

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 7*; and

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, under agenda item 81 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Slovenia)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Mason Group (on First Committee matters)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on "International protection for human rights defenders" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway, in cooperation with Human Rights First and the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR))

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of Legal Advisers

Monday, 23 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*; and

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For more information, please contact Ms. Laura Fähndrich (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail faehndrich@un.org).]

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference room D.

Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in French)
Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)
Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

UNITAR briefing on "Operationalizing the Peacebuilding Commission"

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).].

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar
Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

English Seminar
Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "National implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security: Ways forward" (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom, the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Henry Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Katarina Salmela (tel. 1 (917) 367-2252; e-mail salmela@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its *World Investment Report 2006*

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing on "Future of the special procedures" (organized by the NGO Committee on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon Brandstein, OHCHR (tel. 1 (212) 963-7021).]

Panel discussion on "Women and peace consolidation: Ensuring gender justice when political determination meets socio-economic realities — The case of Liberia" (sponsored by the Co-Chairs of the Partners for Gender Justice in Conflict Affected Countries (Sweden and South Africa), in cooperation with UNIFEM and the International Legal Assistance Consortium)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Vina Nadjibulla (tel. 1 (212) 906-6177; e-mail vina.nadjibulla@unifem.org).]

Special event on "Maximizing economic benefits and strengthening resilience in SIDS through sustainable tourism — Implementing the Mauritius Strategy" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNWTO)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Om Pradhan (tel. 1 (917) 367-5387; e-mail pradhano@un.org); or Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed (tel. 1 (212) 906-5375; e-mail rafeeuddin.ahmed@unifem.org).]

Panel discussion on "Women, peace and posts" (sponsored by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Marilyn Dawson (tel. 1 (212) 963-6143; e-mail dawsonm@un.org).]

Special event on "How can SIDS benefit from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)?: Resources to meet the objectives of the Mauritius Strategy" (organized by UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Om Pradhan (tel. 1 (917) 367-5387; e-mail pradhano@un.org); or Mr. Robert Enholm (tel. 1 (917) 367-4116; or e-mail enholm@un.org).]

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Monday, 30 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Monday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*
Tuesday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*
Wednesday, 1 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*
Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

All meetings will take place in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme at New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited o the United Nations

The deadline for registration is Monday, 23 October 2006. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org; or info@unitarny.org).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 19 October 2006

Security Council

5552nd meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bahrain, Cuba, Finland, Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Álvaro de Soto, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 17 October 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2006/827), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Álvaro de Soto.

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar, the United Kingdom, Denmark, the Congo, the United States, Peru, France, the Russian Federation, Ghana, the United Republic of Tanzania, China, Slovakia, Greece and Argentina, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Japan.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Council heard statements from the representatives of Israel, Bahrain (speaking on behalf of the Arab Group), Finland (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, which aligned themselves with this statement), Cuba (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

36th plenary meeting — *Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council* [103 (a)]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to the twenty-third round of balloting (tenth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-third round of balloting (tenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	190
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	190
Abstentions	5
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77

On the twenty-third round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twenty-fourth round of balloting (eleventh unrestricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-fourth round of balloting (eleventh unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	7
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Guatemala	106
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	79

On the twenty-fourth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twenty-fifth round of balloting (twelfth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-fifth round of balloting (twelfth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	8
Required two-thirds majority	123

	Votes
Guatemala	103
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	81

On the twenty-fifth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twenty-sixth round of balloting (thirteenth restricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-sixth round of balloting (thirteenth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	191
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	191
Abstentions	7
Required two-thirds majority	123

	Votes
Guatemala	104
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	80

On the twenty-sixth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twenty-seventh round of balloting (fourteenth restricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-seventh round of balloting (fourteenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	191
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	191
Abstentions	1
Required two-thirds majority	122

	Votes
Guatemala	105
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	78

On the twenty-seventh round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twenty-eighth round of balloting (fifteenth restricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-eighth round of balloting (fifteenth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	8
Required two-thirds majority	123

	Votes
Guatemala	105
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	79

On the twenty-eighth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twenty-ninth round of balloting (thirteenth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-ninth round of balloting (thirteenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	7
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77
Costa Rica	1

On the twenty-ninth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

37th plenary meeting *Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council* [103 (a)]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to the thirtieth round of balloting (fourteenth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the thirtieth round of balloting (fourteenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	7
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77
Bolivia	1

On the thirtieth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the thirty-first round of balloting (fifteenth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-first round of balloting (fifteenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	192
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	192
Abstentions	6
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77
Bolivia	1

On the thirty-first round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the thirty-second round of balloting (sixteenth restricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-second round of balloting (sixteenth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	191
Number of invalid ballots	2
Number of valid ballots	189
Abstentions	6
Required two-thirds majority	122

	Votes
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	76

On the thirty-second round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the thirty-third round of balloting (seventeenth restricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-third round of balloting (seventeenth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	191
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	191
Abstentions	6
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77

On the thirty-third round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the thirty-fourth round of balloting (eighteenth restricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-fourth round of balloting (eighteenth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	190
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	190
Abstentions	6
Required two-thirds majority	123

	Votes
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	76

On the thirty-fourth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the thirty-fifth round of balloting (sixteenth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the thirty-fifth round of balloting (sixteenth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	191
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	191
Abstentions	7
Required two-thirds majority	123

	Votes
Guatemala	103
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	81

On the thirty-fifth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

Main Committees

First Committee

17th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (82 to 97)

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 82 to 97."

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/61/L.1 and A/C.1/61/L.2) and Argentina (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.40).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

13th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [33]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

Interactive dialogue

The Committee held an interactive dialogue in a closed meeting with the Under-Secretary-General.

Second Committee

15th meeting

Globalization and interdependence [55]

(a) Globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

(c) Culture and development

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Introduction and general discussion

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General, Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs, DESA, the Director of the Population Division, DESA, the Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO, Programme Officer, New York Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, DESA.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Ukraine and Moldova), Iceland, the Russian Federation, Bahrain, India, Colombia, Algeria, Bangladesh, the United States, China, Indonesia and Ghana.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers under item 55 was closed.

16th meeting

Globalization and interdependence [55]

(a) Globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

(c) Culture and development

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Continuation of general discussion

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of CARICOM), Zimbabwe (on behalf of SADC), Pakistan, Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), the Sudan, the Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, San Marino, Israel, Australia, Gabon, Haiti, Uganda, Croatia, Belarus, Switzerland, Ukraine, Mali, Malta, Serbia, Belgium and Armenia.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Organization for Migration.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

23rd meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of sub-items (b) and (c).

The Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Norway, Ecuador, Cuba, Brazil, Canada, Antigua and Barbuda, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, New Zealand, Benin, China, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Sudan, Nepal, Côte d'Ivoire, the United States, Morocco and Zimbabwe.

The Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the right to development made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Nepal, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and China.

The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of India, Nepal, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Azerbaijan, Georgia and the United States.

Right of reply

Statements were made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representatives of Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Uzbekistan, Ethiopia and the United States.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

24th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.13

The representative of Cuba, introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Non-aligned Movement and Palestine, also on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Arab States.

The representative of Azerbaijan announced that the draft resolution was also sponsored by the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Social development . . . . . [60]

(c) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.4

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of Mongolia announced that the following countries joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and further revised the text: Austria, Belarus, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

The following countries joined in sponsoring the draft resolution: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Colombia, Congo, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Moldova (Republic of), Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Republic of Tanzania, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Zambia.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.4, as further orally revised.

Social development . . . . . [60]

(d) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons Second World Assembly on Ageing

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.6

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of South Africa announced that Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Finland, France, Iceland, Israel, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova (Republic of), Poland, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Turkey and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.6, as orally revised.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [98]

Draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.2

The Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolution was referred to the Fifth Committee.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.3

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.7/Rev.1

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Belarus introduced the draft resolution and announced that Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico and Thailand had joined as co-sponsors.

Angola, Benin, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Senegal and Sierra Leone joine sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria and the Philippines before t adoption of the draft resolution. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Palau, France, Colombia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya after the adoption of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.14

Consideration of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.14 was postponed to a later date.

Promotion and protection of human rights

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Palestine, Togo, the United States, Israel, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Cuba, Pakistan, Egypt, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Algeria.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

[redacted]

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/46/Corr.1	Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation — Supplement No. 46 [A C E F R S]
A/61/PV.1	Meeting held on 12 September 2006, 10 a.m. [F S]
A/61/PV.2	Meeting held on 13 September 2006, 4 p.m. [E]
A/61/PV.3	Meeting held on 14 September 2006, 10 a.m. [A]
General Assembly	**Documents**
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